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Sir :

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, please consider the following provisional election with traverse. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Fee Transmittal Sheet.

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Amendment

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims 24-29:

24. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acid residues 1 to 727 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
(b) amino acid residues 2 to 727 of SEQ ID NO:2.

25. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).